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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/560,517	Applicant(s) ALI-HACKL ET AL.	
	Examiner HUY D. NGUYEN	Art Unit 2627	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 September 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-22 and 24-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

I. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 15-18, 22, 24, 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fitton et al. (US 2004/0028013 A1).

Regarding claims 15, 22, 27-28, Fitton et al. (US 2004/0028013 A1) teaches a communication system comprising: a plurality of common channels that include a primary common control physical channel (e.g., PCCPCH, see par. 33); a plurality of dedicated channels (see par. 31, 33); and a synchronization channel (e.g., SCH, see par. 33); wherein the primary common control physical channel and the synchronization channel are transmitted time multiplexed (see par. 33). Fitton et al. fails to teach wherein the transmit power of dedicated channels is reduced during the transmission of the synchronization channel. However, it has been known that during transmission of the synchronization channel, the dedicated channel is silent. It would have been obvious to have reduced the dedicated channel power during the transmission of the synchronization channel to save resource.

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Regarding claim 16, the examiner takes official notice that code multiplex has been well known in the art. It would have been obvious to have used code multiplex to improve network security.

Regarding claim 17, the examiner takes official notice that wide band CDMA has been well known in the art. It would have been obvious to have used wide band CDMA in order to reduce interference.

Regarding claim 18, the examiner takes official notice that UMTS has been well known in the art. It would have been obvious to have used UMTS in order to improve system diversity.

Claim 24 is rejected with the same reason set forth in claim 15.

4. Claims 19-21, 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fitton et al. (US 2004/0028013 A1) in view of Jin et al. (US 2005/0159118).

Regarding claims 19-21, 25-26, Fitton does not teach wherein the reduction of the transmit power of the dedicated channels is such that the total transmit power of the used channels is substantially constant. The preceding limitation is taught in Jin (see par. 4). It would have been obvious to have implemented the system of Fitton with the teaching of Jin in order not to exhaust the system resource.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY D. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7845. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H. Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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